Black Hellebore.

Names.

A. حريق
G Ελλεβορο.
L. Elleborus.
I. Elleboro.
G Nies wurts.
F Ellebore.
S Vedegambre negro.
D. Swart Nies krupd.

Parts Used.

The Root.

Preparations.

a Tincture only.

Place.

On the Mountains in Swisserland, Austria &c. here in Gardens.

Time.

December and January.

Description.

The Root 1, is of a Dark blackish Colour, from which descend fibres 2, of the same colour. The Leaves 3, inclosed in a white Skin rises singly from the Root, soon breaking out and are of a Yellowish Green, firm, smooth, Serrated from the End nearly halfway towards the Stalk, on which they Grow: underneath 'tis whiter. The Flower Stalks 4, are lighter Colour'd, and full of long Narrow Brown Spots, rising from the Root. two leaves 5, of a very light Green, inclose the Flower 6, which rising above them opens something like a large single Rose, having five White firm Leaves, with greenish bottoms, Joining to the Stalk, from which they never fall. In the Centre are many Chives 7, with Summits 8, cover'd with pale Yellow Farina 9. The Seed Vessel 10, is almost white having ten partitions, with a Style to each of them. under it grows in a Circle of Fistular leaves 11, Divided at the End into Three parts one below and two smaller ones above. 12, the Seeds are like Eggs. 14, part of the Seed Vessel. 8* Magnified.

Virtues.

More in use among the Antients who gave a preparation, of it in maniac cases and sometimes in the Gout.

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